

**SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD****February 8, 2008**

Black Bear Lodge, St. Germain, WI

<b>Presenter/ Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points</b>	<b>Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments</b>
	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>Members Present:</b> Mike Cerny, Chair, Bev Dittmar, Vice Chair, Tom Thornton, Tom Chwala, Andy Malecki, Karen Carlson, Rick Steimel, Sam Landes, Bob Lang, Jerry Green, Mike Willman, Jon Schweitzer, and Donna White  <b>Others Present:</b> Diane Conklin, Ed Slaminski, Kirstie Larsen, Warden Price – DNR, Bill Pfaff representing AWSC, Channel 7 WSAW reporter and camera man, and members of the public	
	<b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		Donna White made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Bev Dittmar. <u>Motion Carried.</u>
	<b>3. Comments</b>		None
	<b>4. Citizen Participation</b>		None
Tom Thornton          Diane Conklin	<b>5. Reports</b>	Chair None State Trails ? AB 600 is being proposed. It would place additional members on the State Trails Council. It would add off-road motorcycle representation as well as off-road trucks. Non-motorized members of the council are opposed to adding new motorized members. ? Amery to Dresser – lost to motorized use. Possible loss to other trails. DNR Budget ? Supplemental reimbursements are completed.	

Gary Eddy		<p>Now we are working on the 2009-11 budget.</p> <p>Law Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? 16 fatalities to date. 55 mph night time speed limit enforcement is producing good voluntary compliance. Racing on lakes is down as well.</li> <li>? Stationary Sound 88dB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No changes</li> <li>o Good compliance</li> <li>o Very few citations</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Snow Reduction Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Out three (3) times this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✍ Hurley (use down, quiet, trails excellent)</li> <li>✍ Eagle River (cold, quiet)</li> <li>✍ Lake Wisconsin area (lots of positive feedback, new area in the southern part of the state, lots of contacts)</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Deployments cancelled for balance of year because of funding. Chose to use existing dollars to spread out to field wardens. Teams are preferred but they are voluntary.</li> <li>o Estimated cost for the 3 teams is \$21,000.</li> </ul> </li> <li>? AB660 – Antique Snowmobiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Same as last year.</li> <li>o 1966 or older is proposed to change to “30 years or older”. Only register once, rather than bi-annually.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Bev Dittmar	<b>6. Reports of Standing Committees</b>	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Supplemental Funding done.</li> </ul>	Motion by Bev Dittmar, Second by Donna White to approve Committee

<p>Andy Malecki</p>		<p>? Working on 09-11 budget</p> <p>? Seeing many new registrations (both new and re-registration of old machines)</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>? Bridge Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Have to go to the Natural Resources Board before going to hearings. Anticipated effective date would be around May-June, 2009 if all goes as planned.</li> </ul>	<p>reports. <u>Motion Carried.</u></p>
<p>Sam Landes</p>		<p>? Trail Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Amery to Dresser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✍ A lot of other trails could be impacted by the court decision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Boscobel – Blue River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✍ ongoing since 2005</li> <li>✍ trail critical to trail system</li> <li>✍ two (2) agencies and citizen committees trying to remove trail</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Masomanie to Devil's Lake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✍ Need a "descent, safe crossing over WI river.</li> <li>✍ A non-used rail</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Hwy 14 – Richland Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✍ Possible trail development along with highway construction</li> <li>✍ A time when the snowmobile clubs have been invited to the discussion/planning meetings early!</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Iron Mountain, MI – Iron River, MI (through WI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✍ Future highway relocation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Andy Malecki		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>property</li> <li>✍ Currently a multi-use trail</li> <li>✍ Disappointed that DNR has been having discussions w/o Snowmobile Council involvement. Senator Breske is interested in our involvement.</li> <li>○ Badger Trail – still watching</li> <li>○ Oconto/Peshtigo – USH 41</li> <li>✍ Met with DOT to work on relocating a trail. DOT is very cooperative to date.</li> </ul>	
Dave Peterson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Bridge Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How are we going to handle this?</li> <li>○ How will we pay?</li> <li>○ What would be eligible?</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Out-of-State Trail Pass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposal to increase the rate from \$18 to \$35 is coming up for review by legislature.</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Club Grooming Equipment being assessed as personal property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AWSC attorney is reviewing</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Club Assistance Program (CAP) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feb 19 proposed meeting with DNR (licensing and grants), AWSC (representatives, attorney, and lobbyist) to discuss their proposal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Arrow Signing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open discussion regarding the use and how visible it is/isn't.</li> <li>○ Proposal is to alter the chevron and use for arrow sign.</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Equipment Rates for pull behind grader</li> </ul>	
Tom Chwala			
Andy Malecki/Mike Cerny			
Andy Malecki			

<p>Larry Erickson</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Equipment Show Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Seeing a trend to add rubber tracks to Ag tractors. Too soon to decide if these need to be included as grooming equipment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Supplemental Funding Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Larry Freidig provided observations while completing the Supplemental audit. Clubs are continuing to improve in their recording data. Standard errors – wrong equipment rates, equipment usage discrepancies (ATV, truck, labor – same hours)</li> </ul> </li> <li>? State Property Management Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o State should have to abide by the audit procedures counties have to observe.</li> <li>o Fewer dollar contracts are issued to clubs</li> <li>o Major portion of funding is kept by property managers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Law Enforcement – Rick Steimel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Fatal Snowmobile Trend. Council needs to address with positive.</li> <li>? Discussed OWI/Drivers License tie in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Michigan and Minnesota both have this already and have identified reduced numbers.</li> <li>o AWSC is the driving force with the Legislature to support this concept.</li> <li>o Accidents were discussed in more detail. Almost all have alcohol and/or speed as related causes.</li> <li>o What would be the cost to implement in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<b>7.Action Arising from Reports</b>	<p>LE Committee: Rick Steimel will confer with Gary Eddy to form recommendations for a team to work on this issue.</p> <p>Infrastructure Committee: The committee recommends to the full council that DNR correct 23.175 (2) (a), Stats to change the language to allow snowmobile use.</p> <p>Tourism Committee:</p>	<p>Motion by Andy Malecki with a second by Bev Dittmar to oppose AB 660 as it is written. <u>Motion Carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Rick Steimel, second by Mike Willman to proceed to recommend that DNR pursue OWI/DL tie in. Cost, possible language, ramifications and timeline. Roll Call Vote requested:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Willman</td><td>Y</td> <td>Schweitzer</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malecki</td><td>Y</td> <td>Thornton</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landes</td><td>Y</td> <td>Green</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td><td>Y</td> <td>Carlson</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dittmar</td><td>N</td> <td>Lang</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td><td>Y</td> <td>Erickson</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steimel</td><td>Y</td> <td>Yes -12</td><td>No -1</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Motion Carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Sam Landes to approve committee recommendation as stated. <u>Motion Carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Jerry Green, second by Andy Malecki to approach tourism regarding placemats. <u>Motion Carried.</u></p>	Willman	Y	Schweitzer	Y	Malecki	Y	Thornton	Y	Landes	Y	Green	Y	Chwala	Y	Carlson	Y	Dittmar	N	Lang	Y	White	Y	Erickson	Y	Steimel	Y	Yes -12	No -1
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	<b>8. Trail Matters</b>	none	
	<b>9. Member Items</b>	<p>Interesting April 15 this year as supplemental applications could be very high. – Larry Erickson</p> <p>Bayfield railroad grade lawsuit – Tom Thornton</p> <p>No word on the appeal yet – 5 weeks late</p>	
	<b>10. Next Meeting</b>	To be determined	
	<b>11. Adjournment</b>		Motion by Jerry Green, second by Andy Malecki to adjourn at 11:55 AM. <u>Motion Carried.</u>